



News From the Nest

Eagles Love to Eat Fish

As you may have noticed, we are a bit late in coming out with this month's edition of the newsletter; but for good reason. The much anticipated fundraising dinner has come and gone, and we are proud to be able to report that it was a huge success!

Mr. Dick Rhodes from Effingham brought his mobile kitchen and fried up an abundant buffet of catfish, wall-eye, chicken, shrimp, and hushpuppies. All totaled more than 500 people came through the line and enjoyed the feast!

Theme baskets prepared by each class at Farrington were raffled and auctioned

to the tune of nearly \$700, and auction donations from local merchants and friends combined to bring around \$2500. An extra special "thank you" goes out to our auctioneer for the evening, Mr. Brad Greenwalt, along with his wife, Nancy, who assisted with the auction.

An event with this magnitude of success could not possibly happen without the hard work and perseverance of many people. I hesitate to list names, as I would undoubtedly overlook someone. It was indeed a total team effort from teachers, parents, community members, and let's not

forget the students, who sold nearly 440 tickets in advance! Thank you to everyone who helped by giving of your time and energy, bringing desserts, gathering auction items, donating to the baskets, washing dishes, carrying food, moving tables, parking cars, setting up, cleaning up, buying and selling tickets, and anything else that was done to contribute to our success. There are just too many to thank, and it took each and every one of you. After paying the bills, our profit was right at \$5,600! Thank you, everyone!

Mrs. Clark

Town Meeting

On March 17 at 7:00 p.m. Farrington School will play host to the Jefferson County Board for a "Town Meeting." We are pleased to be taking our turn in hosting this one in a series of such meetings being held at schools

throughout the county.

All community members are welcomed and encouraged to attend this informational gathering in which the board will provide a platform for answering any questions you may have per-

taining to county matters.

For more information, watch the local newspapers or contact your local county board member. Hope to see you all on the 17th.

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SMALL SCHOOL

BIG SUCCESS

Community Support



With the phenomenal success of the fish fry fundraiser, it became more evident than ever that Farrington is a school which relies on, and is fortunate enough to have tremendous support from the community. And with all the contributions of money, time, and effort the community has put forth this year to meet the needs of the school, we want to make sure we are doing our part to meet your needs.

We will soon be sending out a survey asking for input on what you see

as needs and priorities both for the school and the community. We are asking that you please take the time to complete this survey and return it to us as we make plans for next school year.

We have had some tremendous successes during this school year, and we have also learned that we need to make adjustments to some things for next year. We also hope to be able to better serve our community in various ways, rather than always asking them to

serve us.

When you receive the survey, please know that your input is very much appreciated and considered. No idea is too big or too small to be heard. We can't possibly please everybody with every decision, but we do want to work together for the good of our students, your children. Thank you for helping us make Farrington a great place to live and learn!

Winners

As you read on page one, we all came out on the winning end of the fish fry fundraiser. But as promised, prizes were awarded to outstanding overall ticket sellers.

- **Top Selling Class—1 & 2**
 - **Top Selling Students**
 - 1—Elizabeth Donoho
 - 2—Kailee Pierce
 - **Top Selling Staff Member**
 - Mr. Stone
- CONGRATULATIONS!**

St. Jude's Math-a-thon

In all the excitement surrounding the fish fry fundraiser, as well as ball games and normal school activities, it would have been easy for the St. Jude's Math-a-thon to get pushed to the side or overlooked entirely. Thankfully, that was not the case.

Ten students kept their commitment to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital by completing booklets of

math problems and collecting pledges and donations for their work.



Congratulations to Mrs. Flagg's class for winning the pizza party, and to Hailey Martin for being the overall top money raiser. We were proud to send \$547 to St. Jude's and hope to do even better next year. Thank you to all students who participated, and to the parents who provided support.

Educational Activities

The month of February saw the students of Farrington participating in some assembly programs that were both entertaining and educational. The Rend Lake Corps of Engineers brought Seamore the Sea Serpent for an enlightening program of water safety tips and teaching, targeted at grades 1 through 6. Later that month we all enjoyed Fred and His Feathered Friends, as local citizen Fred Mooney presented a program involving exotic birds. Students were entertained as they learned about the various species of parrots who performed with Fred in songs and skits, and one bird even drove a toy Hummer around the gym. After spring break we will again encounter some unusual and unexpected educational settings...but that is another story for another edition!

Kindergarten Corner

Thanks to all the room mothers and fathers who have helped to make our classroom parties a success. Some of you went above and beyond and sent extra treats even when it wasn't your month.

We will start having four new sight words every week included in the weekly sight words. Keep practicing with your child at least once a week (or more if they have trouble with new words). As we get more words, they still need review on the old words. In addition to more sight words, we will be continuing the Starfall reading books and also we are

reading word family books.

For the fourth quarter in math we will be learning to write numbers to 100. In our math series (Harcourt) we will be learning how to tell time, putting things in order and ordinal words (first, second, third, last, etc.), and explore addition and subtraction. Look for opportunities to reinforce these concepts at home.

Almost all of us know our addresses, phone numbers, and birthdays. Thanks for the extra help at home. It really makes a difference!

-Mrs. Hales

8th Grade Conference

On Thursday, March 10 the 8th grade class will be attending SCOFY Break at Rend Lake College. "SCOFY" is an acronym for "Sessions Chosen Only For You." Each student was given a brochure describing a variety of presentations, from which they were to choose four that appealed to them. Throughout the day they will listen to a keynote speaker, attend individual workshops, and partake in an 8th grade version of "American Idol."

This annual conference involves 8th grade students from every school throughout Jefferson County. It gives them the opportunity to interact with peers from other places, and the workshop sessions are designed and targeted specifically for the current interests of students this age. As an added bonus, one of the conference presenters is our own superintendent, Mrs. Clark. This should prove to be a fun and educational day for all involved!

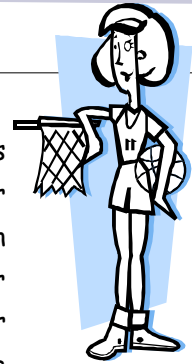
New Printer

Sometimes little things make a big difference. Such is the case with our new Lexmark printer. While searching for grant writing opportunities, Mrs. Flagg discovered a program through which color printers are donated to schools. We could only get one per year, but in a school our size, that can make an impact. Thanks to Mrs. Flagg and Lexmark for the printer!

Teacher Grants

Congratulations to Mrs. Hales and Mrs. M for teaming up to win a grant from the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce's Educational Clearinghouse Council. The two will be receiving a grant award of \$300, which will be used toward a purchase of equipment from the Leap Frog Learning Corporation. In addition,

that company has a program through which they will match our purchase with donations of equipment up to a total value of \$1,000. We are in the process of deciding on just which products we want to purchase with our funds, and by next school year it should be all set up in classroom learning centers.



Congratulations are in order for Farrington eighth grader **Emily Heins** for making the Jefferson County All Star Basketball Team. Emily will be playing on the "white" team in this Saturday's game, which will take place at Summersville School starting at 6:30 p.m.

And Emily won't be the only Farrington face in the game. Our own Jim May will be an assistant coach for the all-star team. Good luck to Coach May and Emily as we know they will make us all proud.

The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, but that every child should be given the wish to learn.

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Focus on

FACULTY

Remember last month's quiz?
Here are the answers of how
the faculty voted on these
issues concerning their peers:



Important Dates

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| March 10 | 8th Grade Conference at Rend Lake | |
| March 11 | 2:00 Dismissal | |
| March 14 | School Board Meeting | 7:00 |
| March 15 | County PeeWee Tourney | 6:30 |
| March 16 | County PeeWee Tourney | TBA |
| March 17 | County Board Town Meeting | 7:00 |
| March 21-25 | SPRING BREAK | |
| March 27 | Easter | |

**Don't forget to keep sending your Boxtops
for Education and Campbell Soup Labels.**

Thanks!

Best Dressed
Mrs. Scarbrough

Best Sense of Humor
Mrs. Flagg

Most Dependable
Mr. Stone/Mrs. Hales

Most Professional
Mrs. Hales

Biggest Practical Joker
Ms. Mac

Least Likely to be Pushed Around
Mrs. Holloway/Mrs. Mellott

Most Likely to Appear on "Oprah"
Mrs. Scarbrough

Most Likely to Appear on "Survivor"
Ms. Mac

Biggest "Workaholic"
Mrs. Marlow

Fun Things to Celebrate This Month

MARCH IS...

- Red Cross Month
- Music In Our Schools Month
- National Craft Month
- National Noodle Month
- Women's History Month
- Youth Art Month

March 11—Johnny Appleseed Day

March 14—Albert Einstein's Birthday

March 20—Big Bird's Birthday
National Quilting Day